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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising an epoxy-activated insoluble support having a ligand attached thereto without being exposed to albumin, said ligand being bindable to albumin, wherein said ligand consists of bromosulfophthalein or a salt of bromosulfophthalein or ester of bromosulfophthalein, and wherein said ligand is attached to said epoxy-activated insoluble support via an epoxy linkage, wherein said epoxy-activated insoluble support is supported in a container.

## 2-4. (Cancelled)

- 5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the container is selected from the group consisting of columns, bottles, filter plates, dishes, and plate inserts.
- 6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the support is selected from the group consisting of a support for a column, a support for a micro titre plate, column packing, a surface plate, a filter plate, a matrix, an affinity cartridge, and a membrane.

## 7. - 54. (Cancelled)

55. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim <u>1</u>54, wherein said epoxy-activated insoluble support is agarose.